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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET PRESS SEES PROGRESS ON BASKET THREE

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. SOVIET PRESS LINE ON CSCE SEEMS TO BE CHANGING SLIGHTLY

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TOWARD GREATER OPTIMISM. NEW TIMES LEADER MARCH 1 NOTED

THAT "CONTOURS OF AGREEMENT ARE BECOMING MORE CLEARLY
VISIBLE." PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY IS NEW TIMES'
ASSERTION THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN EVIDENT ON BASKET THREE.
IZVESTIYA FEB 26 MADE A SIMILAR POINT, NOTING "FIRST
SIGNS OF NARROWING OF VIEWPOINTS" ON THIRD BASKET.

2. THIS IS FIRST TIME SOVIET PRESS HAS SPOKEN OF PROGRESS
ON BASKET THREE. SOVIETS SEEM CONFIDENT ENOUGH OF
EVENTUAL COMPROMISE THAT THEY CAN TAKE MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE WITH DOMESTIC READERSHIP.

3. ANOTHER NOTABLE ASPECT OF NEW TIMES LEADER IS ITS
REMARK THAT "EACH STEP FORWARD AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
UNDOUBTEDLY SERVES AS A POSITIVE STIMULUS FOR THE
NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA." IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE
IF SOVIET NEGOTIATORS IN EITHER CITY SEEK TO DEVELOP
THIS LINKAGE AS CSCE NEARS DECISIVE STAGE.
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